

Testimony of Linda P. Passanisi

Good afternoon, Senator Looney and Representative Janowski, members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

I have been honored with a second nomination to represent Employers as a member of the Advisory Board of the Workers' Compensation Commission, and I once again take this opportunity very seriously.

As I said in my last appearance before you, I come to this position with a background in Workers' Compensation dating back to 1982, as an employee of the Connecticut Employees Union Independent, where I learned Compensation and represented injured workers for fourteen years. I then represented Employers during my employment for two third party administrators, Alexis and Berkley Administrators, both of whom held contracts with the State of Connecticut. During those seven years I was a hearing representative. I now work for the City of West Haven, at the Police Department. As their Benefits Coordinator, at least fifty percent of my work deals directly with the injured Officer and CIRMA, the City's Respondent.

Being part of the Advisory Board has kept me up to date with the successes, problems and solutions of a benefit that allows worker's dignity during their difficult time. I truly look forward to being part of this Board again and will continue to represent the various participants in this system with fairness, honesty and consistency.

I appreciate your attention and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have of me.

Linda P. Passanisi